

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SIGNING OF CULTURAL AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of countries with whom the Government has signed cultural agreements;
- (b) the names of the countries out of the above with whom the Government proposes to have cultural exchange programme;
- (c) the funds provided to the friendship cultural societies as grant-in-aid for organising the cultural exchange programmes each year during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal to organise cultural exchange programmes during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereupon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b) The list of countries with whom the Government of India has signed Cultural Agreements / MOUs is at Annexure. In order to strengthen bilateral cultural relations and to promote Indian culture abroad, the Government of India conducts Cultural Exchange Programmes in various countries.

(c) The funds provided by the Ministry of Culture to the friendship cultural societies as grant-in-aid for organising the cultural exchange programmes during the last three years and the current year is as follows:-

(Rs. in lakh)	
2007-08	43.45
2008-09	47.35
2009-10	66.50
2010-11	325.00

(d) & (e) Based on the proposals received from various partner countries, we have entered into cultural exchange programme for the current years. The countries with whom we have had CEPs for the current year are:-

Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sri-Lanka, Croatia, Mauritius, Iceland, Lao PDR, Turkmenistan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea.